

**Draft of Gambling Control Board Meeting Minutes**  
**February 20, 2008**  
**45 Commerce Drive, Augusta, Maine**

Meeting opened at 12:35 p.m.

**Board members present:** Chairman George McHale, Larry Hall, Peter Danton and Cushing Samp  
One vacancy exists on the Board.

**Staff members present:** Exec. Director Robert Welch, Sgt. Robin Parker, Auditor Scott Woods and  
Secretary Kathy Chamberlain.

**Legal counsel:** Melissa O'Dea, Ass't Attorney General

- **Minutes from January 23, 2008 meeting:**

**Motion to accept:** Cushing Samp motioned to accept the minutes from 1/23/08 meeting

**Seconded:** Peter Danton

**Vote: 4-0**

- **Executive Director's Report – Robert Welch**

- A. Problem Gaming Awareness Week will be March 16 – 23<sup>rd</sup> as designated by the National Problem Gaming Council. The Gov has signed a proclamation to recognize problem gamers. An ad will be in the Bangor Daily News and Portland Press Herald on the 18<sup>th</sup> advising that phone #211 can be utilized to call for help with problem gambling for all gambling entities i.e. Lottery, Harness, Office of Substance Abuse, Gambling Control etc. The cost of the ad for one day in both papers and a one day lecture by Dr. Broffman who did a three day training last year, is \$3000.

**Motion:** by Peter Danton to give the funds needed to Dir Welch for this program

**Seconded:** by Cushing Samp

**Vote: 4-0**

- B. Budget Update: Dir Welch advised he had proposed that \$50,000 from next year's budgeted funds for problem gaming be returned to the Legislature as part of the supplemental budget. Sgt. Robin Parker's position has been cut. Secretary Kathy Chamberlain will be splitting her time between the Gambling Control Unit and the Commissioner's Office. The current secretary's position for the Commissioner's office has been cut.
- C. Maine Community College System sent a letter to advise they are going to take the funds received through Racino Revenue for the years 2006 and 2007 that were leftover and use them as a matching fund for a three million dollar gift from the Bernard Osher Foundation.
- D. Gaming Laboratories, Inc. (GLI), a New Jersey corporation, has notified us they are becoming a Delaware limited liability company.

- **Financial Update – Scott Woods**

Scott advised the board that the monetary amounts of the expired tickets not cashed in at Hollywood Slots for 2006 was \$7300 and for 2007 it was \$9300. We received payment on the \$9300 since the last Board meeting in January. A draft of Policy #9 for the Gambling Control Board/Unit was given to each board member. This would involve the Rounding Procedure of Racino Revenue. If there's either a rounding shortcoming or overage amount after all other beneficiaries of slots revenue are paid, it will effect the General Fund amount accordingly. Discussion ensued about the language in the Draft.

**Motion:** Peter Danton motioned to table the passing of Policy #9 until the next meeting and until Ms. O'Dea can look at the language in the Policy. No second or vote taken.

- **State Police Activity Update – Sgt. Robin Parker**

16 applications have been received and processed since the January 23rd Board meeting. The initial investigation into Centerbridge and Fortress has been done. We are waiting for Christian Smith at McDonald Page, to finish his review of the financial information. Tentative dates set in April to go to New York and conduct interviews.

- **Other Business**

None

- **New Business**

None

- **Public Comments**

None

- **Next meeting date – March 27, 2008**

**Meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Chamberlain  
Secretary